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## MEMO

**Date: November 8, 2019**

**To: School Officials at Public Schools that participated in the 2017-2018 IFA Lead Sampling Program**

**From: IFA**

**Re: Additional Grant Funds for Lead Sampling in Drinking Water**

The 2019-2020 Indiana Lead Sampling Program for Schools and Child Care Facilities is now available, as a result of the Indiana Finance Authority (“IFA”) applying to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant.

The grant requires the IFA to give priority to facilities that:

1. Predominantly serve children younger than six
2. Serve low to moderate income children
3. Operate in a building that was built prior to 1988
4. Can demonstrate an established and sustainable school or child care program with factors indicating that the building will continue to serve as a school or child care facility in the future
5. Have not already participated in an IFA Lead Sampling Program
6. Apply early in the application process.

As participants in the 2017-2018 IFA Lead Sampling Program, you know the importance and benefits of sampling for lead in drinking water. If you have a need for additional sampling at a facility that already participated, we encourage you to still apply. In the event that we have sufficient funds, we will try to accommodate as many applications as we can.

All Indiana public schools and child care facilities, recognized by the Indiana Department of Education and the Family and Social Services Administration respectively, are eligible to apply for the Lead Sampling Program. A school or child care facility that is classified as a Public Water System is not included in the program because these facilities are already required to sample for the presence of lead.

The Lead Sampling Program covers the cost of the online database, sampling bottles, postage to send the bottles to the facilities and to the laboratory once collected, plus the sample analysis cost. Schools and child care facilities are responsible for collecting samples and costs associated with remediation actions identified by sampling. The IFA will provide training webinars to guide participants through the process, as well as remediation guidance specific to each facility’s results.

More information and a link to online applications can be found here: <https://www.in.gov/ifa/2998.htm>.